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LETTER DATED 24 OCTOBER 1996 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF UZBEKISTAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated 23 October 1996 on the adoption of Security Council resolution S/RES/1076 (1996) of 22 October 1996.

I would be grateful if you would have the text of this statement circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

Statement dated 23 October 1996 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs notes with satisfaction and appreciation the adoption of a special resolution on Afghanistan by the Security Council on 22 October 1996. This is evidence of a serious concern of the United Nations and Security Council about the escalation of the military hostilities in Afghanistan and the threat that the continuation of the armed conflict might have.

The further escalation of the military hostilities may have unpredictable consequences and threaten the security of all countries located in this region and all over the world.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs expresses its great satisfaction with the fact that the position and proposals of Uzbekistan and of other States concerned about settlement of the Afghan tragedy have been reflected in the resolution.

Previously, the Republic of Uzbekistan has repeatedly expressed its position regarding the ways of a peaceful settlement of the conflict in Afghanistan, which consists of the following:

(1) The immediate cessation of military hostilities.

(2) Resolution of the problem exclusively through political means, by way of a peaceful dialogue with the participation of all political, regional, religious and ethnic groups.

(3) Conducting the negotiation process under United Nations auspices with the participation of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

(4) Ensuring the territorial integrity of Afghanistan.

(5) Non-interference in the internal affairs of Afghanistan.

(6) Imposing an embargo for arms deliveries to the conflict area.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan states that the Government of Uzbekistan is ready to undertake all efforts aimed at the realization of the Security Council's decision, on the immediate cessation of the military hostilities in this country, and the maintenance of peace and stability in the long-suffering Afghan soil.